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KNOCKING MEDFORD.

One of the main arguments used by prohibitionists locally consists in "knocking" Medford to the world at large, misrepresenting local affairs, drawing unfair comparisons and in other ways falsely coloring conditions. All patriotism is lost in the effort to regulate the habits of others.

The Tribune does not believe in saloon men ruling a community. Neither does it believe in preachers running affairs. Both are impractical extremes. It does believe, however, in a business administration, the continuation of prosperity, and the eternal boosting of Medford. It believes in personal liberty and the strict control and regulation of that which experience has shown cannot be successfully prohibited. It believes that the people of Medford are fully capable of running their own affairs without dictation from itinerant non-taxpaying agitators, whose business is fomenting trouble, then clearing out, leaving others to pay the piper.

The latest knocking done by the prohibitionists is the publication of misstatements in a publication called "The Pacific Searchlight," distributed gratis as a supplement to a local morning paper. "No saloons means municipal prosperity," is the banner line; and then following under the caption, "Reduces the city taxes—Dry cities have lower tax rate than Medford," is the following article:

"The presence of the saloons do not diminish the city tax. Medford has had the saloon uninterruptedly from its beginning, and there are now eleven saloons in Medford. If saloons benefit a city in its taxes, Medford should be able to demonstrate it, but what is the showing? Before any city improvements were undertaken at all, the city tax was 14 mills; during the present year the city tax has been increased 31-2 mills, making our present city tax 17-1-2 mills. With saloons in Medford, the city tax has steadily increased. Ashland, with no saloons, has a city tax of 6 mills; Eugene, with no saloons, has a city tax of 8 mills; Corvallis, with no saloons, has a city tax of 7 mills, and Albany, with no saloons, has a city tax of 10 mills. These cities, too, have made much more city improvements than has Medford. Saloons increase taxes."

In the first place, there are ten, not eleven saloons in Medford. The tax rate here has increased because of improvements—a new water and sewer systems, street paving, etc.—and if the bond interest levy was deducted, the rate here would be lower than Ashland's or Grants Pass'. Ashland's tax levy is 12 mills for the coming year, not 6 mills, and the increased levy, together with a \$5000 deficiency, is due to prohibition. Grants Pass' taxes have doubled, owing to prohibition; and both towns, compared to Medford, are stationary.

It is a simple problem in arithmetic. If from \$5000 to \$10,000 revenue is deducted from city receipts, it must be made up by taxation. If prohibition takes away money secured by high license, direct taxation must remedy the financial deficiency. In every community where tried increased taxation has followed prohibition as the night the day. The new levies prove it—not only in Grants Pass and Ashland, but in Roseburg, Klamath Falls and elsewhere.

None of these cities has begun to make the public improvements that Medford has—not even Eugene. None of them has grown as fast or been as prosperous. Why defame the fair name of Medford by asserting that she has lagged behind?

But this argument is the same as most of the arguments made—just as illogical and absurd. All that is necessary to see the effect of prohibition is to visit Ashland and

Grants Pass and talk with the business men, and compare conditions with those in Medford.

Do you want to continue Medford's prosperity, or do you want to put it in the same class with those cities she has passed in the race for commercial supremacy?

Will you vote to change conditions, upset them and perhaps retard the development of Medford, or will you vote to let well enough alone?

Medford has a big public debt, and needs all the money she can raise to pay bond interest. Do you want to increase the already high rate of taxation?

It is ever wise to swap horses while crossing a stream?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Congress reconvened today, after an holiday vacation.

It is expected that both houses will deal during the week with the question of the paragraph in the President's message relating to the secret service.

Re-enlistment of the negro soldiers who were discharged without honor because of their supposed participation in the Brownsville riots of 1906, will come up again this year.

OHIO LEGISLATURE CONVENED TODAY

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 4.—The Ohio legislature convened today in extra session, to elect a successor to Senator Foraker. Balloting will probably begin on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON FEDERATION WANTS TO CLOSE OPEN DOOR

WASH. WALLA, Wash., Jan. 4.—Exclusion of Chinese and Japanese laborers from America will be demanded by the State Federation of Labor, which meet in this city today for a session of three days.

NATIONAL BASEBALL LEADERS GATHER IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 4.—The National Baseball Commission convened here today.

The Eastern League and the American Association want the same drafting privileges enjoyed by the National and American leagues, and this demand constitutes one of the principal matters to be decided at this week's meeting.



MEN'S HEAVY WORK SHOES

Some new ideas in Shoes to stand hard knocks—shoes with solid tongue, soles and uppers—counters that never break down.

Tan and Blacks at \$3, 3.50, \$4 and \$5

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Some good things right now in dress goods for spring. Have your spring suit made early in the season.

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STARTING DECEMBER 28, WE WILL PUT ON A MERCHANTS' LUNCH FROM 11:30 A. M. UNTIL 2 P. M.
PRICE 55c

THE LOUVRE

PETITION DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT FOR ROAD TAX

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 4.—That the good roads movement has not been allowed to drop from public sight in Douglas county since the recent good roads convention in this city, is evidenced by the number of petitions sent to the county court by the different road districts, asking for authority to levy a special road tax. The aggregate amount of money that will be raised by the different districts will amount to many thousands of dollars.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

Miss Bertha Prim and Leona Ulrich attended the dance given by the Greater Medford club at Medford last Tuesday evening.

B. B. Beckman, the Portland attorney, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beckman, returned to his home one day this week.

Miss Jessie Abbott of Grants Pass, who was formerly a student of St. Mary's academy, is spending the week with Miss Floeie Dunford.

Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell have returned from a visit with the latter's mother at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kiser were the guests of Mr. James A. Kiser and wife of Medford Christmas day.

C. L. Renner was over from Medford on business Thursday.

Miss Emma Wulf left for Klamath Falls one day this week, where she has secured employment.

Miss Fay Sears went over to Medford Wednesday evening to attend the dancing party given by Mr. W. L. Vawter in honor of her son.

Robert Moore, the Gold Hill merchant, was a business visitor on Thursday.

Dan Shearer was up from Glendale one day this week on business at the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Linn of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. George Linn and daughter are spending this week with their father, David Linn.

S. P. DeRohoun and George L. Davis were Medford visitors one day this week.

Marriage Licenses.

Richard Swyacker and Lillian Cooper. Bessie G. Phares and Ethel A. Spencer.

Thomas E. Jones and Lula De Armond.

George W. Burnett and Susie M. Stamp.

GREAT ANNUAL SHOE SALE

Your greatest opportunity in Shoes comes with my Annual Shoe Sale. The sale starts January 2, 1909, and the reduced prices apply to every pair of shoes in this large stock. All of these Shoes were brought carefully by me for my regular trade—NO JOB LOTS just to make a special sale. I am clearing up my gain of the year in shoes.

MEN'S DRESS SHOES

All \$5.00 Shoes	\$4.40
All \$4.00 Shoes	\$3.50
All \$3.50 Shoes	\$3.10
All \$3.00 Shoes	\$2.64
All \$2.50 Shoes	\$2.20
All \$2.00 Shoes	\$1.75

Broken lines of above Shoes at from one-quarter to one-half off.

MEN'S HEAVY SHOES

Cutter Loggers	\$6.00
Cutter Cruisers	\$5.50
Red Cross Shoes, \$4.00 values	\$3.50

HEAVY HIGH TOP LACE BOOTS

We represent the largest makers in the world of this class of footwear.

16-inch Heavy Lace Boots, \$8.50 values	\$7.00
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16-inch Heavy Lace Boots, \$7.50 values	\$5.50
16-inch Heavy Lace Boots, \$4.50 values	\$3.50
6-inch Heavy Lace Boots, \$3.50 values	\$3.00
6-inch Working Shoes, \$2.50 values	\$2.50
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12-inch Walk-over Lace Boot, double sole, \$5.00 value	\$4.25
Boys' Heavy High Top Tan Shoes, \$3.50 value	\$2.50
Boys' Heavy Chrome Tan Shoes, \$3.00 value	\$2.00
Boys' Kang. Calf Shoes, \$2.25 value	\$1.75
Misses' Kid and Calf Shoes, \$2.00 values	\$1.50

Misses' Kid and Calf Shoes, \$1.75 value \$1.25

Children's Kid and Calf Shoes at a reduction of from 20c to 50c pair.

All Women's Patent Leather, Dress and Street Shoes, including such makes as Dombey & Son, London; Kuppendorf Dittman & Co., at the following prices:

\$5.00 values	\$3.75
\$4.00 values	\$3.50
\$3.50 values	\$3.10
\$3.00 values	\$2.60
\$2.50 values	\$2.20
\$2.00 values	\$1.50

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